

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on June 18, 2003, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted, and claims 1 to 21 are amended. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

1. *Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)*

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted as that required by MPEP § 609.A(1).

2. *Objection of Claims:*

The Examiner objects to claims 8, 9, and 10 because of the following informalities: Each of the claims states dependency on claim 1, however claim one does not have lettered steps as in claims 8, 9, and 10. Claim 7 immediately precedes this set of three claims does have lettered steps. The examiner assumes this is a typographical error and claims 8, 9, and 10 should actually read to be dependent on claim 7 and consequently will, treat them as such. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 10, 11, and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 10 adds step e' Claim 11 adds the step e''. Claim 12 adds the step e''' and f. The prime indications are not necessary since these three claims are dependent in parallel to claim 7. Appropriate correction is required.

In response to the objections claims 8 to 12 are amended with the informalities corrected.

3. *Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC 103:*

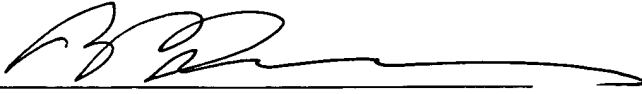
The Examiner rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rivette et al., US 5,991,780 A priority filed 11/19/1993 in view of Krause et al., US 5,625,827 filed 12/23/1994.

In response to the rejections, claims 1-21 are amended. The amended claims include additional limitation wherein the user is provided an option to select a naming-term for a graphic element to search and to display an associated textual description for the selected naming term together with the drawing.

The amended claims with the newly added limitation are new and not obvious over Rivette et al. in view of Krause et al. Neither of these cited prior art references provided for a user to select graphic element for display of textual descriptions. The amended claims would be allowable over the cited prior art references.

With the IDS and the amended claims and the reasons provided above, the applicant hereby respectfully requests that Examiner's objections to the drawings and rejections under 35 USC § 103 be withdrawn and the present application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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